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東條英機ニ對スル訊問ヨリノ抜萃

一九四六年二月廿日

第二、四―五頁

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「問」十二月一日又ハ二日ノ御前會議前ノソノ最後ノ連絡會議ノ時日ハ何日デシタカ

「答」ソノ御前會議ノ前ノ最後ノ連絡會議ハ十一月卅日ダツタト私ハ思ヒマス。シカシ、前ニモ申シ上ゲタ様ニ、私ハ御前會議ノ時日ヲ確カニ記憶シテ居リマセン。ナンダカ一日ダツタト思ヒマスガシカシ二日^日デアツタカモ知レマセン

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「第四―五頁」

「問」天皇ハ通牒ガ攻撃前ニ必ズ手交サレル様ニスル様ニ幾度貴方ニ求めラレマシタカ

「答」屢々ナサレマシタ

「問」貴方ハ我々ニソノ同意ニ付テ何カノ觀念ヲ與ヘルコトガ出來マスカ。ソレハ三回デシタカ六回デシタカ十二回デシタカ

「答」私ハ殆ンド隔日ニ陛下ニ拜謁シテ居リマシタ

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ソシテ陛下ヘソノ事ニ付テ何處モ私ニ御注意
ニナリマシタ。

「問」 貴方ノ記憶ニヨレバ、天皇が貴方ニ注意ヲ與
ヘラレタ最初ノ日ハ何時デシタカ

「答」 陛下ハ外交關係ニ關スル事ニツイテハ絶ヘズ
私ニ注意ヲ與ヘラレマシタ。シカシ最後通牒
ノ手交ニツイテ陛下が私ニ御注意ヲ與ヘラレ
タ最初ノ時ハ昭和十六年十二月ノ一日又ハ二
日ノ御前會議ノ直後デアツタト私ハ思ヒマス。

「問」 天皇ハ最後通牒ノ手交前ニ實際ノ攻撃が行ハ
レハシナイカトイフ事ヲ懸念シテハオラレマ
センデシタカ

「答」 サウデス。陛下ハソノ事ヲ懸念シテオラレマ
シタ。陛下ハサウイフ事ノ起ラナイ様ニ氣ヲ
ツケル様ニト申サレマシタ。

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